

Allen County Soil and Water Conservation District
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
June 28, 2017 @ 8 AM
3718 New Vision Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46845

Supervisors: Tom Miller, Tom Crowe, Don Rekeweg, Jeff Stieglitz

Associate Supervisors: Ellis McFadden

SWCD Staff: Greg Lake, Krista Voors, Kate Sanders

NRCS: Tim Bomba

ISDA: Nick Alles & Jill Krause, Jennifer Thum & Heath Hurst

County Council:

Supervisors Not in Attendance: Chad Shaw

Meeting was called to order at 8:06 a.m. by Tom Crowe.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the May Board Meeting were reviewed. Tom Miller made a motion to approve the minutes and Don Rekeweg seconded the motion. All approved and motion passed.

Approval of Claims:

Krista made the board aware that check #1054 replaced check #1047 last month because it was accidentally made out to the wrong entity. She then reviewed the claims, dated June 28, 2017 voucher numbers 8231 through 8238, totaling \$11,483.88. The Deposit Report, Treasurers' Reports, petty cash log, and bank reconciliation reports were also reviewed. Motion to approve the claims, and financial reports, subject to audit, was made by Tom Miller and seconded by Jeff Stieglitz, motion passed.

Old Business:

- Website – no update at this time.
- District Presentation for AC GOV – Greg explained the purpose behind this particular presentation and asked for any suggestions or recommendation from the board regarding content to be shared. Greg also shared that he met with the county auditor, Nick Jordan, and Nick expressed that he is more than willing to answer any questions or concerns that the District may have when it comes to financial and grant protocols.

Ongoing Projects/Grants:

- WLEB
 - In-Field Advantage - Enrollment Open – Greg feels the District has a good level of participation this year and he shared again details regarding the sulfur trials on soybeans.
 - RCPP – no updates.
 - PSS/CRP Contribution Agreement with IASWCD – Kate has been working with Tim to complete the necessary tasks; going well.
- USGS/GLRI Project –
 - 2017 Budget Proposal – Budget was approved by USGS. Greg shared that in addition to the quote that Krista got for a 60" mower he got a quote for a 72" mower. He will be discussing options on mowers with USGS soon. USGS did say that the District is not allowed to hire a third party mowing crew. The board was okay with either size mower.
 - Expansion Project – USGS will be adding an additional sampler to the St. Marys River on Ferguson Road with a similar setup as the one on Schaefer Rd. They have modest expectations of the unit being installed prior to the end of the year. They still have a desire to expand the project on a livestock operation.
- Upper Maumee 319 P-risk Index Assessment Pilot grant –

- The final draft of the P-Risk calculator approved and the State has given approval to begin signing-up producers.
- Potential New 319 grants – Greg shared that he has had many meetings/discussions regarding 319 applications for FY2018. With feedback he received from IDEM, he shared that a request for implementation dollars in a critical sub-watershed in the Maumee or St. Marys would be the best option for the District.

Reports & Updates:

- ACPWQ –No update at this time.
- Purdue Extension – No update at this time.
- ISDA – GLC Grant application to promote 4Rs within Auglaize & St. Marys was approved, hopefully begin in 2017. Notice of Intent for an Auglaize Watershed Management Plan through a 319 grant was approved but this will be put on hold for the time being. Supervisor Summit will be in Fulton County in the end of August. The Business Plan format is being revamped and Nathan Stoelting has agreed to assist the Allen District with their plan update. Clean Water Indiana Grants are due 9/15. NE region mtg. will take place sometime in December.
- NRCS –Tim reported that NRCS received over 40 EQIP applications and 34 were approved for a total of approx. \$469,000.
- SJRWI – Currently recruiting new members. Currently beginning discussions on the next Tri-State Expo. They have submitted a 319 Notice of Intent for the Lower Saint Joseph with both Urban & Ag components. Aug 5th Flow the Saint Joe.
- MRBC – Greg Lake shared that Robert Barr & Siavash Beik have shared results of their most recent studies and the Black Creek has the greatest amount of erosion due to water rills that have reached into the moraine. Further investigation of this area needs to happen. MRBC & SWCD would like to host a meeting that will most likely be held in the Harlan area in order to involve the local residents.
- TSWA – Greg Lake reported that he submitted a Notice of Intent for a 319 Implementation Grant for the Upper Maumee watershed in the TSWA name. It was well received so Jill Downs & Dorothy Hagan are working on the full application that is due Sept. 1st. This grant will be enough work for 1 half time person. The District is listed as a partnering agency.

New Business:

- 319 NOIs – Grants for FY2018 – As mentioned under TSWA updates, Greg has submitted a 319 NOI under the TSWAs name. No NOIs were submitted in the Districts name.
- 2018 Budget with County Council – Pre-Allocation Questionnaire is due June 30.

Upcoming Events

- Next Board Meeting – ***Monday, July 31, 2017 at 8am ***
- Agronomy Field Day at The Anderson's – July 19th
- Soil Health Field Day @ Roemke's – August 10th
 - Advertising for the field day was discussed. Jeff Stieglitz made a motion for the District to use up to \$2000 for advertising. Don Rekeweg seconded the motion and all approved.
- NEPAC Field Day August 25, 2017
- Day at the Lake - September 9, 2017

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Approval of minutes as presented:

Chairman

Date